

United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Committee Description



READ TO DISCOVER:

- What are the responsibilities of the United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization?
- Who is included in the United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization?

The United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO) was established after World War II ended in 1945. UNESCO organized to use “peace” and “intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind” to prevent the outbreak of another world war. The responsibility of this council is to create the conditions for dialogue among civilizations, culture, and people. The dialogue is to achieve peace building, a global vision of sustainable development of human rights, mutual respect and the eradication of poverty. UNESCO tries to reach these objectives through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information. Currently, the organization has had two priorities: Africa and Gender Equality.

UNESCO has a number of prior objectives: 1) Attaining quality education for all and lifelong learning; 2) mobilizing science knowledge and policy for sustainable development; 3) addressing emerging social and ethical challenges; 4) fostering cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and a culture of peace; and 5) building inclusive knowledge societies through information and communication.



UNESCO's Headquarters

Source: UNESCO²

UNESCO is made up of 193 member states and 7 associate member states governed by the General Conference and the Executive Board. The Executive Board, consisted of 58 member states, is elected by the General Conference. The 58 spots are distributed by geographic region: 13 African, 12 Asian, 7 Eastern European, 10 Latin American and Caribbean countries and 9 Western European nations. Each member of UNESCO serves a four year term. Non-Member States of the Board, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and movements are invited as observer.

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